W. Roxbury — Friday Decr 3d

My dear Friend,

We have just recd your note, and I am the more sorry for the delay, since you requested an early answer — My husband will no doubt, contribute to the "Bell." — In answer to my share of your request, I can only say my dear Mrs Chapman, that I feel a stronger objection than ever, to making any public acknowledgement of my principles or feelings. — Were I not entirely sure ~~however~~ that this objection has not a shadow of foundation in the nature of the object (Abolitionism). As you would imply, I should give my name, were it only in expiation of my sin — The longer

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I live, the stronger grow my Anti-Slavery principles, & the more anxious am I to declare them; I hardly know myself why I should have this strong antipathy to putting my name to any advertisement for the public prints, excepting that it is against my taste, & my nature which is decidedly retiring - If I ca could agree with you that my name could in any way aid the cause of the Fair, I should reject such objections, but I think it would not - You may recollect last year, that I had a strong feeling concerning the opinion my Father might have of such an act; I am happy to say that the effect of a year's growth has done away with any such scruple - With my best wishes, I am my dear Mrs Chapman yours with much esteem Sarah B Shaw

Mr Shaw desires me to send the enclosed — or rather

Please hold me accountab
for five Dollars ~~wh~~ which I will
have much pleasure in
handing ~~to~~ you before the
fair — Yrs Respectfully

Frans Geo. Shaw

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